

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following amended paragraph:

For embodiments in which the network address locator program 140 is a stand-alone program, the GUI 300 may be a default screen displayed upon activation of the client device 122. However, as described above, network address locator program 140 may be a component of the browser 152. In this case, the browser 152 may be configured with additional features supporting a search by geographic location/region according to the methods provided herein. For example, browser windows may be configured with a user-selectable checkbox or menu option which, when selected, activates a specialized mode allowing for searches by geographic region. The specialized mode ensures that the receiving machine (i.e., the server 124) recognizes the search as a geographic region search. One such embodiment is illustrated with reference to a browser window 400 in FIG. 4. In general, the browser window 400 may be configured with fields, check boxes, pulldown menus, radio buttons, hyper-links and other features facilitating the efforts of the user interested in locating a network address according to geographic information. In addition to conventional features, the browser window 400 has been modified with a location button 402. When clicked, the location button 402 activates the specialized geographic location search mode. The user may then input a desired search query (e.g., into the search field 4040). In particular, the user enters a location defined by, for example, GPS coordinates for the user's current location. In one embodiment, when such a specialized mode is enabled, the user is provided with the GUI 300. In any of the foregoing embodiments, the appropriate GUI may be provided to a user automatically, without requiring a specified input from the user. In addition, the user's current coordinates are preferably automatically input (e.g., into the search field 4040).